

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0017] of the Specification with the following amended paragraph:

**[0017]** In still another aspect of the present invention, systems are depicted for utilizing role-based configurations in connection with a portal. In one instance, a role-based access bank is utilized to obtain a configuration for a user. The configuration can be a default, a custom or another user's configuration. In addition, the current configuration can be dynamically updated, for example, as the user's access changes and/or the portal's location changes. In another instance, a user can load and/or modify a configuration within the scope of the user's role. A role-identifying component can facilitate determining and/or extracting the user's role, and subsequently utilizing the user's role to provide the user with associated configurations, wherein the user can select to load one or more of such configurations. In yet another instance, a user can create a configuration, based on the scope of the user's role. A filter can be employed to obtain the user's role and subsequently extract the components associated with the user from all components. The extracted components can be further narrowed utilizing user criteria *via* the filter.